selectively retaining still another of said planetary gear mechanism elements against rotation or permitting rotation thereof for selectively driving said wheel from said output shaft of said motor at a specified speed reduction ratio or permitting freewheeling of said wheel relative to said output shaft.

2. (Amended) An electric motor-operated vehicle according to claim 5, wherein the wheel is driven by a transmission output shaft connected to the carrier plate element coaxially with the axis of said plate element, a wheel gear fixed to an inside cylindrical surface of said wheel driven by an output gear formed on the transmission output shaft, the motor output shaft and the transmission output shaft are disposed coaxially.

3. (Amended) An electric motor-operated vehicle according to claim 1, wherein there are a pair of wheels each driven by a respective electric motor and planetary gear mechanism mounted on each of said wheels, an operation mechanism mounted on the vehicle frame, and a transmitting system for transmitting the action of the operation mechanism simultaneously to both coupling elements of said planetary gear mechanisms.

Add the following new claims:

4. (New) An electric motor-operated vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the output shaft drives the sun gear element.

5. (New) An electric motor-operated vehicle according to claim 4, wherein coupling element couples the carrier plate element to the wheel.

6. (New) An electric motor-operated vehicle according to claim 4, wherein the ring gear element is the planetary gear mechanism element that is selectively held against rotation or permitted to rotate.